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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A  
RETRACTABLE PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.312**

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Sir :

Pursuant to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated October 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein-contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.